



Prevention Education in All Classroom Environments
Minutes from Thursday, February 26, 2015 Meeting

PEACE is a unique collaboration of school and community partners. We work together to promote prevention education in order to foster healthy and successful lives for youth.

Attendance: Fred Strawser, Elika Whitney, Sejal Parikh, Prabh Virk, Lauren Fritch, Amy Hill, Karen Jackson, Kayla Sullivan, Max Lencl, Amy Hawthorne

- **Welcome and Introductions:** PEACE Coordinator Amy Hawthorne opened the meeting - members signed in. Amy informed the group that January 2015 meeting minutes were electronically approved by Kenton Beachy and Amy Hill.
- **Sub-Committee Check-In:**
 - **Prevention:** Sub-Committee did not meet during February 2015 because of illness, numerous school cancellations, and Amy Hawthorne being out of the office. The Prevention Sub-committee finalized questions for middle school focus groups. Groups were simultaneously administered during the January 2015 Drug Free Delaware leadership retreat. Focus group topics include: Bullying and Harassment, Suicide and Depression, Underage Drinking and Prescription Drugs, and Compulsive Gaming. Reports have been compiled and members looked over results. Max Lencl asked why there was missing information on the suicide and depression report. Lauren Fritch (who conducted the suicide and depression focus group) stated; the conversations with in the group did not follow the predetermined questions. She stated that participants in the group had previous experiences with attempted and completed suicide with in their families. Lauren discussed what information the students offered, she will give Amy Hawthorne a detailed account to help and finalize the Suicide and Depression Focus Group Report. Karen Jackson questioned the demographic of participants and the given information as it may be skewed. Elika Whitney explained BVMS participants came from numerous backgrounds and experiences. Focus group participants were chosen at random, however, the demographic is overwhelmingly assembled from highly motivated and achieving students. Max noted the information was helpful and can be used within their programming. Amy Hawthorne suggested an effort to administer questions to HS student focus groups. Karen Jackson suggested keeping the questions the same to show a true comparison and Prabh suggested adding follow up questions at the end, group agreed. Fred Strawser suggested adding sexting as a topic. He said sexting has become a major issue and he has had 4-5 cases this year at BVHS. Prevention sub-committee will continue to work on HS focus group questions, recruitment, and logistics.
 - **Collaboration:** Collaborations sub-committee is still working on recruitment for PEACE Student reps. Feedback from school administrators has been positive but time spent in schools has been limited due to Amy being out of the office, school cancellations, and school testing schedule. Sub-committee will begin with another push at the beginning of March. Students will be invited to April's PEACE meeting. Lauren Fritch is researching online forums that will suit our needs and Amy Hawthorne is working with Jennifer Tewell hoping to create a "student representative" forum space on the new PEACE website.
 - **Infrastructure:** Infrastructure Sub-Committee communicated via email about domain name and PEACE website template choices. Domain name is officially, www.delawarepeacecollab.org however, content needs to be uploaded and template needs to be finalized.
- **Announcements:**
 - Amy Hawthorne:**
 - The Delaware County STAND UP Leadership Team wrote a press release with their findings from the distracted driving survey conducted in the fall. Amy Hawthorne received a phone call from the Delaware Gazette interested in running the story and Matt Brooker was contacted with interest from the Columbus Dispatch. The STAND UP Leadership Team is currently working on ideas to spread *Day of Silence* awareness at their respective schools. If you would like to get involved or have an idea for the students to work on please contact Amy or Matt.
 - Kayla Sullivan:**
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters is currently holding a Basket Fundraising Drive. Please see the information and flyer sent with minutes for participation/disbursement details.
- **Next Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2015 8:00am – 9:00am**
- **Location: Delaware – Morrow Mental Health Services and Recovery Board.**

- Meeting Adjourned -